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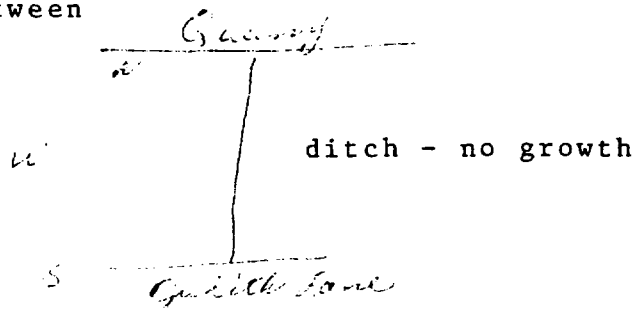
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Interviewed

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Is probably phosphorous burning - might give off some PCBs;
phosphorous igniting itself.

Is blocked on both ends.

3' down is sand - might be saturated too - Illinois State
Water Survey thinks wells 14-30' deep - 15-20' average.

Will call this p.m. with test results.

Meeting at EPA tomorrow - Cahokia press conference Wed.

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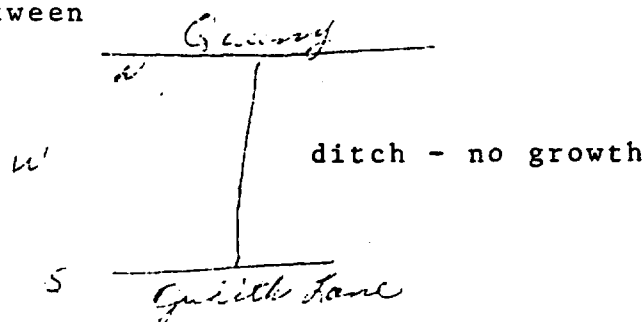
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